

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A site plan showing the entire lay out was submitted by the Chief Engineer.

(i) The lay out plan referred to in the above answer did not contain the final designs of all the buildings proposed to be constructed.

(ii) The four Dormitory buildings.

(b) No. Only detailed plans and estimates for the Dormitory buildings were submitted. The rest was proposed to be taken up in groups in succession consistent with the allotment for each year.

(c) The University Syndicate approved the site at Ramavarmapuram for the location of the College.

(d) No.

(e) Because the plans and estimates for these buildings were prepared first.

Shifting College—Ramavarmapuram.

511. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the public of Cochin have been consulted in any manner in the matter of arriving at the decision to shift the College to Ramavarmapuram; and if so, when and how; and if not, why not;

(2) who decided to transfer the College to Ramavarmapuram (names of persons responsible for the final decision be given) and when;

(3) whether any enquiry had been made to ascertain whether the College could be extended at Ernakulam itself before it was decided to shift to Ramavarmapuram;

(4) whether the Government have taken any steps to ascertain public opinion on the desirability or otherwise of shifting the College to Ramavarmapuram before the Diwan Mr. Narayana Ayyar laid the foundation stone of the college buildings there;

(5) what justification they had in view when they decided to deprive Ernakulam of the Maharaja's College without taking public opinion on the matter;

(6) whether the Government has not published their proceedings just on the eve of the last election (of Members of the Legislative Council) to the effect that the matter of the transfer of the College would depend entirely upon the decision of the Council?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) The decision to shift the College to Ramavarmapuram was based on the report of the First Grade College Committee appointed by the Government in 1900. The

Committee consulted the public. There was also discussion in the Legislative Council.

(2) The Government. The final decision was made in 1104.

(3) No. But see reply to sub-division 5.

(4) See answer to question No. 1.

(5) The idea was to establish a fully Residential College at Ramavarmapuram which would become the centre of a Pan-Kerala University for the establishment of which a scheme was then under consideration. For such a scheme it was thought that space would not be available at Ernakulam.

(6) See answer to sub-division 2, question No. 402.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—(2)⁹ Can Government tell me the names of persons responsible for deciding this? Government is an immaterial body.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I cannot say off-hand who the persons constituted in the Government are. I want notice.

512. Mr. George Chakya muri —Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) whether the Chief Engineer had submitted any plan containing the entire lay-out of the buildings required for the Residential College at Ramavarmapuram before Diwan Mr. Narayana Ayyar laid the foundation stone of the buildings there;

(ii) if so, when and whether it contained the detailed plan of each and every building intended to be constructed at Ramavarmapuram;

(iii) if not, which were the buildings contained in the plans submitted by him before the laying of the foundation stone by the Ex-Diwan.

(b) (i) whether detailed estimates for all the buildings intended to be constructed at Ramavarmapuram had been prepared and completed and submitted by the Chief Engineer before the laying of the foundation stone and if not, why not;

(ii) if the answer to (b) (i) is in the negative, what justification the Government had to proceed with the construction of buildings before the plans and detailed estimates were ready;

(iii) whether the University sanctioned the College scheme at Ramavarmapuram, before the plans (completed plans of all the buildings) were submitted to them for approval;

(iv) whether the Chief Engineer allowed to proceed with construction works at Ramavarmapuram even without waiting for the formal sanction of the Diwan, and if so, what was the cause for such a hurry?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (i) A plan of the entire lay out of the buildings at Ramavarmapuram was submitted by the Chief Engineer.

(ii) This lay out plan was submitted when the detailed plans and estimates for the hostel buildings were submitted for sanction. It did not contain the estimates and final plans of all the other buildings proposed to be constructed at Ramavarmapuram.

(iii) The final location and plans of the hostel buildings and the site plan showing the lay out of all the other buildings were submitted to Government.

(b) (i) No. Detailed plans and estimates for the hostel buildings alone were prepared and submitted. The intention was to attend to the preparation of estimates in convenient groups consistent with the allotments for each year till the entire scheme is completed.

(ii) In big schemes of this nature it would be necessary to spend much time in working up the details of each and every building before final estimates can be prepared.

After having prepared a lay out of all the buildings to be constructed in this scheme, it was thought advisable in the interests of expenditure to start the construction of these buildings the designs of which have been finally approved.

(iii) The Ramavarmapuram site was approved by the University Syndicate as a suitable one for the location of the College.

(iv) No work was done at Ramavarmapuram in this connection without the previous approval and sanction of Government.

Police Commissioner's camp clerk.

513. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—In reference to question No. 62 of the Legislative Session of 1107, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have considered the feasibility of making a saving by ordering the Commissioner not to take as his camp clerk a 2nd class officer;

(b) whether they will be pleased to issue such orders if they have not done so?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) and (b) Government have already issued orders to that effect.

Road—Parur-Ernakulam.

514. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—